



FORESTRY CONTEST

APRIL 2011 NEWSLETTER

Bonner Soil & Water Conservation Dist. ~ Idaho Dept. of Lands ~ U.S. Forest Service
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Where and When

When: **Thursday, May 12th**, the day you have been preparing for, is less than 3 weeks away!

Where: The Delay Farm, West side of Hwy 95 between mile markers 454 and 455, just north of Beak's Roadhouse. There is a large red and white "Forestry Contest" sign by the turnoff. Watch out for fast-moving trains as you drive in across the double RR track.

Schedule:

- 8:00 Arrive and walk up to the meadow where the contest is held (about a mile)
- 8:10 Coaches complete Final Registration - contestants pick up promotional item
- 9:00 Group Picture - at site of Announcements
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- 9:25 Students walk to first station

9:30 3 horn blasts – and Contest begins for Junior High and Senior High students.

9:50 Rookie Contest for 6th graders begins.

After the competition, a free BBQ hamburger lunch will be served - then the Awards will be given. Buses will load for the return trip around 2:00 p.m.

Registration - Please Read!

- **Coaches:** *Everything takes place at the contest site.* Everyone should bring what they need with them – don't leave coats, pencils, etc. on the bus. A reminder, there are two outhouses at the base of the hill off to the right, and several more at the contest site.
- **Coaches:** Please arrive early enough to walk up to the meadow contest site, complete registration, have students pick up their promotional item, and be ready at **9:00** for the group picture. Announcements are at **9:10**, then at **9:25** students will have 5 minutes to walk to their first station before the contest begins at **9:30**. This year we are starting the Rookies at 9:50.
- **Registration Tables** will be set up just as you reach the meadow. Pick up your packets, check them for accuracy as far as number of teams and individual competitors – make any changes & let Registrars know, then hand-write the complete list of your competitors. Distribute the color-coded brochures with attached Identification Stickers to your students (each Contestant has their own number and group color assignment). Have them immediately write their names on all ten stickers and wear one of the stickers as a name label.
- **Students:** At each station when the tests are handed out, place one of your Identification Stickers on the form and write your name legibly. Tests without names or labels are given a zero. *Any student who changes their assigned color group will be disqualified.*
- **Jr/Sr Competitors:** A separate table near registration will be set up for promotional items for contestants. Registration packets will include an extra identification sticker that students turn in at the promotional table. Please have students pick up a promotional item right after they are registered.
- **Rookie Competitors:** Your promotional items will be given to your coaches to distribute on the bus.

ALL VOLUNTEERS: Please check in at the Volunteer Station – and receive your promotional item!

Prepare for All Test Stations

****New:** ALL TEN sections in your manual will be tested. If you need a manual, check either of the following websites, or call Linda at 208-263-5310.

The Bonner SWCD website is: www.northidahoswcds.org and,
the IDL website is: <http://www.idl.idaho.gov/forestry-contest/index-forestry-contest.html>

Be Prepared for the Weather!

As you all know, the spring weather in northern Idaho can be very unpredictable. Please encourage participants to bring extra warm clothes in layers, and water-proof shoes or boots if possible. Also bring **rain gear** - just in case. The weather can change quickly. Tents will be set up at each station, but coaches are encouraged to bring large garbage bags to be used as raincoats for students who forget to bring rain gear.

What To Bring

Participants should bring **two pencils**, a **clipboard**, a **calculator** and a water bottle. Clipboards can be made using thin board, a clip on the end, and a piece of acetate to cover the test in case of rain.

Honorary Chairman for 2011 – Senator Shawn Keough

Congratulations to Senator Shawn Keough, this year's Honorary Chairman. Senator Keough has been a tremendously active member of the forestry family and a strong supporter of the Forestry Contest for over 23 years. In 1989, Shawn was hired to help create and build the Timber Information Program for the Greater Sandpoint Chamber of Commerce. As the program manager, she helped to start North Idaho Timberfest, the Timberfest Injured Loggers Fund and the Bonner County Chapter of Idaho Women in Timber, and she organized publicity and volunteered at the Forestry Contest. She maintains an active role in the Injured Loggers Fund and Idaho Women in Timber at the state level. In 2000, she became the executive director of the non-profit Associated Logging Contractors of Idaho.

Senator Keough is now serving her 8th term in the Idaho Senate. While in office, she has been a delegate to the 7th American Forest Congress in Washington, D.C. and an Idaho representative to the Western Legislative Forestry Task Force (currently, she's an alternate representative). In January of this year, she was appointed by Gov. Otter to the Western Governors Association Forest Health Advisory Committee, which has a strong voice in implementing restoration forestry. Shawn received the Public Service Award from the Association of Consulting Foresters in 2001 and the Don MacKenzie Award from the Intermountain Logging Conference in 2010.

Thank you, Senator Shawn Keough, for your many years of dedication to forestry education, the forest industry, forest management, and the Idaho State Forestry Contest!

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